

Rise, David

From: Rise, David
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 14:38
To: Keen, Lisa-kay; Kusnierz, Lisa
Subject: RE: Hardin

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Just a quick follow up. Current PWD is Russell Dill. Current WWTP is John Stanich. Craig Taft is the sanitarian for Bighorn County. Tony used to be back up operator, don't know what he does now, not WW nor PWS.

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From: Keen, Lisa-kay [mailto:LKeen@mt.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Kusnierz, Lisa; Rise, David
Subject: RE: Hardin

Lisa/David,

I have been receiving calls regarding the Hardin flooding. Here is the information I have gathered thus far...

I received a call at 15:16 on 06.02.2015 from Greg Butts out of the DEQ Kalispell office.
406.755.8967

- Flooding due to heavy rains on 06.01.2015
- Waste water backing up and out of the lift station
- WW backing up into residential basements
- Greg with Tony (used to be the operator), stated the town has a lot of I/I
- Russell Dill(current operator?) stated they couldn't pump the WW into the storm drain because of permit so not doing anything
- Craig Daft (current PWD?) was another name I was given as a contact

I received a phone call at 8:24 on 06.03.2015 from Amy Brockheart of Hardin. 755.764.0140

- Located at 15 North Terry Avenue
- Rain 2 nights ago, approximately 7 hours of hard rain
- Sewer overflow out of toilet and tub into the basement
- Flooded basement with sewerage
- Sump set up as per town ordinance - pumps out into the street
- Have been pumping and hauling buckets of waste out of basement
- Went to town meeting last night (06.02.2015) and the council is blowing the incident off - stating it is a once in a lifetime event (Amy remembers it happening about 4 years ago with heavy rains)

- Others on the block also have basement flooding
- Told her to pass my name along and encourage them to call

I received a phone call at 9:46 on 06.03.2015 from Stacey Sedan. 406.591.4331

- She owns a 4-plex located at 561/518 1st Street West
- Basement apartments are flooded due to rain event
- Sewerage was overflowing in toilets, tubs, and floor drains
- Sump system in place and has been working but not keeping up
- Residents are displaced from homes because of the damage, water, and smell
- Town meeting last night - no resolution, and town is not responding to needs

I will refer anyone else who calls to you. The people of the town are very upset and feel as though the town is blowing them off and not willing to do anything to help out.

Sorry, and good luck!!

Lisa-kay

-----Original Message-----

From: Kusnierz, Lisa [mailto:kusnierz.lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Keen, Lisa-kay
Subject: Hardin

Hi,

I got your message. I just got out of one meeting and now have a webinar but wanted to let you know that we do permit Hardin and are aware of the issues there. David got a call Tuesday and sent the follow up email below. They are currently sending 3/4 of the flow to the lagoon and inquired about discharging to the storm sewer (which is why David referenced that in his email).

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: David Rise [mailto:davidrise4@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:50 PM
To: wwtp@hardinmt.com
Cc: Rise, David; Coate, Carson; Kusnierz, Lisa
Subject: NPDES permit requirements

Mr. Dill;

During your flooding emergency you may bypass as much as needed into the old lagoons. You have made your notification as required by the permit.

The NPDES permit does not authorize or allow in any way pumping from the sanitary sewer into the storm drain, which goes directly to the Bighorn River. That is not authorized by the permit and doing so would expose the City of Hardin to potential administrative, civil or criminal liability under provisions of the Clean Water Act, Title 33, Chapter 26 United States Code.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

David Rise

